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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK ON ROUTE 663 IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY

STAUNTON – The Virginia Department of Transportation will replace the Route 663 (Artz Road) bridge over the North Fork of the Shenandoah River starting Monday, June 20. This is a single-lane, low-water bridge about a half mile east of Route 11 near the town of Woodstock.

The existing bridge was built in 1922 with no side railing, and it has deteriorated to the point that it should be replaced. The new single-lane structure will be slightly wider with a low-profile railing to improve driver safety. The replacement bridge will also be slightly raised to reduce the number of times it is overtopped by high water.

Route 663 will remain open during construction of the new bridge. Traffic will be controlled using flagging operations. Contractors will build the new bridge slightly downstream of the existing structure. Traffic will then switch over to the new bridge, and the existing one will be removed.



On May 19, 2016, the VDOT awarded a \$2,111,852.10 construction contract to Orders Construction Company Inc. of Saint Albans, West Virginia. The Route 633 bridge project is scheduled for completion in spring 2018. More information about the project is found at this link: [Shenandoah County - Route 663 \(Artz Road\) Bridge](#).

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